

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office action dated November 29, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S. C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by newly cited and applied U.S. Patent No. 5,848,512 to Conn. Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Conn. Claims 5 and 6 stand objected to as being dependent on rejected base claim(s), but were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

In the Specification, no changes.

In the Claims, claims 2 and 6 are amended; claims 1 and 5 are cancelled.

Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 5; claim 6 is amended to change dependency and to render the language therein more clear. Claim 2 is now in condition for allowance; claims 3 and 4 are allowable with their allowable parent claim 2; and claim 6 is now allowable.

In light of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections and objections state in the Office action, and pass the application to allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the amendment or remarks, the Examiner is invited to contact Attorney-of-Record Jon M. Dickinson, Esq., at 503-504-2271.

### **Provisional Request for Extension of time in Which to Respond**

Should this response be deemed to be untimely, Applicants hereby request an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge

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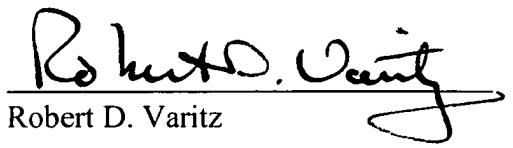
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